Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : As a result of the steps taken, the teachers were given their arrears of salary and dearness allowance up to June and as a result of that, the teachers withdrew their strike. Subsequently no payment has been made to the teachers. May I know what proposals the Government have under consideration to ensure regular payment of the salaries of these teachers in future?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Advance grants have been sanctioned so that the salaries may be paid to these teachers.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the necessary sanction has been accorded and it is under operation because it has been a scandalous instance that teachers have not been paid on account of the perversity of one person? If the Government directly pay the salaries of these teachers it will be good?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : My impression is that the payments are being made now. But as regards what permanent arrangements should be made to overcome this difficulty, I have called for a report from the Divisional Inspector of Schools in consultation with the Collector of Malabar. I am told that we have just received the report from the Divisional Inspector of Schools and that will have to be considered and an arrangement which will be satisfactory to the teachers will be arrived at.

Allotment made by the Centre from cess-fund

* 249 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount received by this Government as their share out of the cess-fund since four years up to date; and

(*b*) the amount spent or sanctioned out of this share for the benefit of the handloom industry and the handloom workers of Malabar?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Rupees 3,91,92,037 up to the end of August 1956.

(*b*) Rupees 11,94,857.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that the share out of the cess fund due to Malabar district has not been allotted to that district and may I know what proposals the Government have got to utilize the cess fund in Malabar district?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government can administer the Cess Fund only within the framework approved by the All-India Handloom Board and within that framework, the Government have been taking up all feasible schemes in Malabar district. I may tell the hon. Member that under the Second Five-year Plan, the Government of India have agreed to make a separate allotment for Malabar district. I may also tell the hon. Member

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that the Government of India have been considering the setting up of a spinning mill for the benefit of weavers in Cannanore in the public sector.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM: May I know whether the Hon. Minister has got figures of district war allotments and will he be pleased to furnish the same to the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: If the hon. Member puts a separate question, then I will furnish the figures.

SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether Rupees ten lakhs have been earmarked for the starting of a spinning mill in Cannanore from out of the cess fund?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: There is no question of earmarking. The Government of India have a proposal to start a spinning mill for the benefit of the weavers in Cannanore.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN: May I know from the Government whether there are any proposals to start more handloom industrial co-operatives in Chirakkal taluk in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The formation of more industrial co-operatives for the benefit of weavers thrown out of work from handloom factories is under consideration.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: May I know whether the spinning mill which the Hon. Minister has in mind is over and above the one spinning mill for which shares have been collected?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I do not think there is provision for two mills. Even if it were to be a co-operative mill, the bulk of the share capital must come from the Government of India either by way of subscription or by way of loan. Only one mill is proposed to be started and to avoid putting a burden on the people, the present proposal is to have a spinning mill in the public sector itself.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN: May I know from the Government whether there are any proposals to give short term or long term loans to handloom factories so that they may continue to function and also whether there is any proposal to give two annas wage increase per rupee to the handloom workers as the present wages of the handloom workers are very low? May I know whether the Government have considered these proposals and whether they propose to take any action on them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I would like to have notice.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Since a fairly substantial amount has been collected from the P.C.C. Societies and also from the common people to form a co-operative spinning mill, would the Government give an assurance that before 1st November 1956 they would try their best to have the mill registered?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know the exact position. However much I would like to have the mill registered before 1st November 1956, I am not sure whether it would be feasible. I can assure the hon. Member that I will do whatever is possible.

Sealing of turmeric stocks at Erode

10 a.m. * 1 (PRIVATE NOTICE) Q.—SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN : Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Public Health by means of a private notice question to the fact that huge turmeric stocks at Erode mundy were sealed on 20th September 1956. I think that representations have been made by the agriculturists and merchants for the release of the stocks expeditiously. It seems that the Public Health Officer at Erode, under the powers vested in him, has sealed certain turmeric stocks on the ground that they have been adulterated. As a result, the ryots are not able to sell away their stocks. I therefore request the Hon. the Minister to take immediate steps to see that the stocks are released so that the poor agriculturists can sell away their stocks in the open market. My question runs as follows :—

" Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that turmeric stocks at Erode Mundy were sealed on 20th September 1956;

(*b*) whether any representations were made by the agriculturists and merchants to the Hon. Minister for the release of the agriculturists' stocks expeditiously;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the poor turmeric growers have been considerably affected by the non-release of the sealed stocks so far; and

(*d*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of issuing immediate instructions to release the turmeric stocks so that the poor agriculturists may be allowed to sell away their produce?

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I cannot understand on what grounds the hon. Member is putting such a question.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri P. G. Karuthiruman has given notice of a private notice question, which means that the question relates to an urgent matter. The Hon. Minister has been consulted and is prepared to answer the question. Therefore, I have allowed the hon. Member to put the question and the Hon. Minister will now answer.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Special consideration has been given to the representations made by two or three hon. Members of this House.

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : To which party do they belong?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : They belong to different parties. The Director of Public Health has sent a communication to the Municipal Health Officer to release the stocks in the godowns which have been sealed. When the results of the test are known, action will be taken in necessary cases.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Sir, does this admit of supplementary questions being put?

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, the hon. Member can put supplementary questions within the time allowed. Now we have exceeded the time-limit. I will allow a few supplementary questions if the hon. Member wants.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know with what commodity this turmeric has been adulterated?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Some chemical preparation of lead.

SRI K. T. RAJU : 20-ம் தேதி ஈரோடில் இருந்த மஞ்சள் மார்க்கெட்டுக்கு வரமுடியாதபடி கோடவுன்களை சீல் வைக்கப்பட்டு விட்டதால் மிகுந்த கஷ்டம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. மஞ்சள் உற்பத்தியாகக்கூடியதை மார்க்கெட்டுக்கு தருவிக்கப்படவில்லை. மஞ்சள் விஷயத்தில் எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் நடவடிக்கையானது எல்லா மஞ்சள் மீதும் இல்லை. ஒரு சிலர் தவறு செய்ததன் காரணத்தால் எல்லா கிடங்குகளையும் மூடிவிட்டது சரியல்ல. இவ்விஷயத்தில் சர்க்கார் ஒரு தெளிவான முறையில் ஒரு ஸ்டேட்மெண்டை வெளியிட தயாராக இருக்கிறார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The matter will be considered.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : Are the Government aware that the general public do not know the chemical composition of " Middle Chrome ", a preparation of the Imperial Chemical Industries, which is used for the purpose of colouring this? Will Government conduct research into the chemical composition of this particular commodity which is used for colouring and advise the merchants and the public as to what can be the total per centage of this colouring matter which can be used for colouring this commodity?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The general public may not be aware of this, but the wholesale merchants who use this particular substance are well aware of what it contains. This substance is meant not only for colouring turmeric but for other purposes also.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : May I suggest to the Hon. Minister that even the officers of his Department are not aware of the chemical composition and the percentage of lead that is contained in this. Will the Government conduct a research into this matter and advise the ryots as well as other people with regard to the particular quantity that they could use in colouring this or will the Government advise the people not to use this chemical composition at all?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir, that advice will be given.

SRI P. S. NALLA GOUNDER : ஈரோடில் கலப்படமில்லாமல் கலர் போடாமல் இருக்கும் குடியானவர்களுடைய சரக்கை தடுத்து வைக்கப் பட்டிருப்பது உண்மையா ? அப்படியானால் ஏன் ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : That matter will be decided by the food analysts. The results of the analysis are expected to be out in a day or two.

SRI K. T. RAJU : எப்படி இருந்தாலும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களும் டி. பி. எச். அவர்களும் செய்யும் காரியங்களுக்கு சர்க்கார் பொறுப்பை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளும் என்று சொன்னார்கள். சீல் வைக்கப்பட்ட சரக்கை வெளியில் விடவேண்டும் என்று ஒரு உத்தரவு போட்டும் அதிகாரிகள் ஹெல்த் ஆபீசர் உள்பட அதை வெளியில் விடாமல் இருக்கிறார்கள். அப்படி உத்தரவு போட்டும் சரக்கை வெளிவிடாமலிருக்கும் அதிகாரிகள்மீது தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I have no information about the matter.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : As "kunkum" is a popular toilet for ladies, will the Hon. the Minister see that the purity of kunkum is kept intact, by not allowing adulteration of turmeric?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The Government are concerned only with the purity of 'kunkum', but not with those who wear it. (Laughter.)

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : Sir, will the Government consider addressing the Government of India and advise them to ban this import of middle chrome if it is not used for any particular industrial purpose and if it is used only for the purpose of colouring this commodity?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : We shall examine that matter.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 25th September 1956, from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

"In accordance with Rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1956), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 25th September 1956 without any amendment and signed by me."

Now, we can proceed with the Madras Cultivating Tenants (Payment of Fair Rent) Bill, 1956.